that I have not been quite satisfied with this delay and I have asked the Director of Industries and Commerce to personally look into the matter and dispose of the applications without any more delay."

* 940 *Q.*—

Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" This question may be taken up to-morrow, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Pincha Project in Rayachoti taluk.

* 941 *Q.*—Sri Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the Pincha Project near Mudumpadu village in Rayachoti taluk of Cuddapah district has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government will take up its construction?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes, the plans and estimate are being scrutinised by the Public Works Department in consultation with the Revenue Department.

" (*b*) The Government will take up its construction when the financial position has eased provided the scheme as finally drawn up is feasible and sound."

Staff attached to Panchayat Officers.

* 942 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the staff sanctioned to each Panchayat Officer;

(*b*) whether the Government have received representation from the District Panchayat Officers to the effect that the staff allotted to them is inadequate to cope with the work including the auditing of the accounts of the panchayat boards under them; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The staff allowed for each District Panchayat Officer (I grade) is not uniform and varies with the number of panchayats in the district. Two peons, 1 attender and 2 to 5 Lower Division Clerks are working under each of these District Panchayat Officers. In addition to this staff, a few Upper Division Clerks are employed under some of the District Panchayat Officers. Additional District Panchayat Officers (II grade) and Deputy Panchayat Officers have each been given, respectively a staff of 2 clerks, 1 attender and two peons, and 1 clerk and 1 peon.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No representations have been received from District Panchayat Officers in the matter, but certain proposals for the sanction of additional staff for attending to the audit of accounts of class II panchayats were received from the

Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards. The question of sanctioning additional staff for that work is under examination.''

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—'' May I know whether the Government will appoint qualified staff for auditing the accounts of the Panchayat Boards? ''

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—'' The question will be considered, Sir.''

Sri K. VENKAIAH :—'' In view of the fact that the Panchayats are very much inconvenienced to prepare the estimates for sanction of roads, etc., will the Government consider the proposal of appointing special overseers in every district? ''

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—'' A similar question has already been answered, Sir.''

Women's Welfare Centres in Malabar.

* 943 *Q.*—Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the names of the places where Women's Welfare Centres are working in Malabar district?

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—'' (1) Nadakkavu, (2) Nagaram (for Scavengers), (3) Bettathputhiangadi, (4) Kodiyeri, (5) Mozhikara, (6) Mattanur, (7) Pinarayi and (8) Kokkannasseri.''

Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—'' May I know whether these centres are started at the initiative of the women of those places mentioned by the Hon. Minister? ''

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—'' These centres are started taking into consideration the backwardness and the real needs of the particular place.''

Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—'' Sir, from the list just now read, I understand that there are two centres in the Kozhikode town itself but in many of the interior backward areas there are no Women's Welfare centres. The Hon. Minister says that the needs of the locality are taken into consideration. May I know whether these centres are started at the initiative or at the request of the women of those localities concerned of at the initiative of certain officers of those places? ''

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—'' The initiative of the people of the locality is one of the important considerations. But there must be facilities also available in the place, at least a house for those people to live in must be available. The enthusiasm shown in a particular place is also taken into consideration.''